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Merry Christmas to all - Business Houses Close Boxing Day, December 26.

HALLIDAY & LAUT

THE VERY
BEST AT
A LITTLE
LESS



FOR
SERVICE
PHONE
No. 9

We take this opportunity to convey our sincere appreciation of the very pleasant business relationship enjoyed during 1936 and wish to thank our many friends for their patronage.

We trust we will merit a continuation of this friendship and patronage throughout the coming year and wish you all a . . .
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY and PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR
filled with all good things your heart desires.

Wm. Laut

Crossfield Chatter

R. T. Anney, of Walla Walla, is home for the festive season, and is to look after his business interests.

LOOK FOLKS! Are you interested in saving fuel, having warmer floors? Call in and see the Phillips Super Fuel Heater attachment, attached to your present heater in just a few minutes. You will be surprised at the saving. Call in at the O. K. Garage and have Mr. Hoover demonstrate it to you. Or ask any of the present satisfied users.

Walter Hurt has constructed a Working Model Steam Engine, and this is on display at Bannister's. This is not a toy but real honest-to-goodness piece of machinery. Runs on compressed air.

Reader, are you aware that the University of Alberta is broadcasting a new Play Series that is not only interesting but is educational. Why not make a note now to listen-in Tuesday nights over CK-UA, Edmonton, or CFCN, Calgary. Get the habit and you'll like it.

LEGION GREETINGS

The Officers and Executive of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League extend to all ex-servicemen the Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Mrs. McNally left last week to visit friends in Eastern Canada.

Dr. S. H. McClelland visited at his home here last weekend. His father and mother, of Rumsay, accompanied him. Mrs. John Dougan was a city visitor Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Whillans, accompanied by Mrs. S. H. McClelland, were Calgary-visitors Monday.

W. Cross has a nice new Chevrolet.

H. A. Bannister visited at Calgary Monday.

Don't forget big Old Time Dance at East Community on January 8, 1937.

We Cover the District

Sunshine School

December 17 being charged with electricity, (Bannister's) the Chronicle scribe was shot out to the Sunshine School, where he had the pleasure of witnessing and enjoying a very entertaining programme. The pupils, one and all, are deserving of great praise, while congratulations to the teacher, Miss Mabel Edmundson, are decidedly in order.

Songs, drills, readings and plays, made a very interesting programme. Congratulations, pupils, one and all. Space does not permit (Ed. in a bad mood) to give the programme in detail, but special mention of three outstanding items might be made, that of, "The Tin Soldier and the Doll from France" (M. Billo and D. High) "The Kitchen Band Drill" (the school), and the short play, "Deaf as a door Post" (Eugene Havens, Frances Lennon and H. Walroth).

Guest artists were Keith Bannister, T. Borbridge Jr., and Miss E. Borbridge.

A community play closed the programme, in which the Hero outsmarted the Villain, gained his lady love and her Aunt's blessing. This was very well done, those taking part were: Mrs. C. High, Miss Lila Havens, Messrs. W. Heywood, H. Landymore, St. Cameron and Garth Graulund. Miss Edmundson directed the play and comes in for her share of the credit.

The school was packed to capacity long before Chairman Melling announced the first item, and late comers forced to stand outside. Mrs. J. Chrysal of Carstairs, and sister of Miss Edmundson, acted as accompanist.

At the conclusion Santa Claus arrived to give away the many presents which adorned the tree.

The tree was nicely decorated and aglow with Electric Lights.

A large crowd stayed and danced to the Bannister Music.

United Church

The annual Christmas Tree and Concert of the United Church, was held Friday evening, December 18, and the church was well filled when the programme was opened by a chorus, sung by the entire Sunday School.

Recitations and songs, dialogues and musical numbers comprised the evening's programme. Special mention might be made of the two musical numbers by the Musical Quods, and the guitar duet by James and Harris.

In a dialogue called "What I'm going to be when I grow up", Reggie Belshaw was the typical policeman. Like father, like son, it was well done, Reggie.

Rev. E. Longmire, pastor of the church, gave two illustrated lectures on, "The Life of Rip Van Winkle", and "The Life of Christ".

As C.C. entered the church, he was struck by the pleasing decorations which adorned the auditorium, also the specially electrical lighted sign with the Season's Greetings and the huge Christmas Tree gay in trimmings and electric lights.

Santa Claus appeared while he showed that he was on a diet (no doubt, getting ready for the thin chimneys around here) he was the same gay old boy, and as frisky as a two year old. He distributed the many gifts and a pleasant evening came to a close.

Laverne Johnson acted as chairman of the evening.

The teachers and artists are deserving of congratulations for the splendid entertainment.

Proclamation

I hereby proclaim December 26 1936 (Boxing Day) a public holiday in Crossfield. All places of business to remain closed.

W. J. WOOD,
Mayor

Inverlea

Last Monday, after the harrowing experience of going left when he knew he should have gone right, C.S. arrived at the school to find "No admittance" sign on the door. Pondering for a few seconds, he used what little grey matter he had, and found a place of vantage on the cross beam of a telephone pole, there with the aid of binoculars, a compass and microphone ear phones, he settled down and enjoyed immensely a very entertaining and colourful programme.

Gazing over the vast throng in the school house, one was struck by the resemblance to the last street car on stampede night, every one jammed in, on the seats, on the floor, on the walls, yes even one enterprising gentleman had his perch two feet from the ceiling. Anyway, it was a pleasant crowd, one of good humour and merriment, and representing the four corners of the district.

We learn that this sized crowd is nothing new in the annals of Inverlea, which speaks well for the work, time and effort expended by the teacher, Miss Murdoch, and her many able assistants.

Some twelve items comprised the programme, consisting of songs, readings, instrumentals, drills and two One Act plays. Every item was well received and each little artist accorded favourable appreciation.

The first of the two plays was, "A Travesty" in Black Face, called "Rob Inn Sun Crew So," this appealed to the audience's sense of humour, though a few of the younger children did not quite take at first to the black men, in fact, they were like Andrew H. Brown, "Regusted" nevertheless, they soon found out that they were not as black as they were painted. Messrs. C. Duthie, Archie Bennie, Charles Walroth, Bob Walroth, Arthur Bennie, Clifford Brandon, Douglas Brandon and George Bennie, comprised the cast of, "Where did Robinson Crusoe go with Friday on Saturday night", the audience supplying the answer. Well done, boys.

"To be or not to be", that was the question, whether it pays to educate girls and lads of the farm, or whether this does less good than harm. Mary was given an education, of which aunt Sally said "Was not" but ere the curtain fell, Mary showed Sal she knew what was what.

Gladys Morrison, Edith Morrison, Coral Michel, Margaret Collicutt, Archie Bennie, George Bennie, Douglas Brandon and Arthur Bennie were the players, and handled their parts very nicely. Miss Collicutt was decidedly efficient, the others deserving honourable mention.

Santa arrived and distributed many gifts from the splendidly decorated tree, which harmonized with the school decorations.

F. W. Landymore acted as Chairman for the Concert, and George Murdoch as floor manager for the dance which followed to the jingling tunes of Borbridge Orchestra.

The wee sma' 'oors saw the finish of an enjoyable evening.

We have not yet learned how C.S. got down, but to judge by his bumps, he apparently came down the quickest way. (Ed.)

Greetings!

To
our many
Friends and
Patrons we wish a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a **BRIGHT and**
PROSPEROUS
NEW
YEAR

CROSSFIELD
U. F. A. STORE

"Where QUALITY and PRICES Meet"

THE OLIVER HOTEL

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A. CRUICKSHANK, Prop.

Wishing Our Many Patrons and Kind Friends
"THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON"

Crossfield : : : : : Alberta

LOCAL NEWS

Albin Laut is home for the holidays from Saskatoon.

A. Wittke is back from the hospital, and is recovering slowly.

A. A. Hall is confined to bed with a bad attack of La Grippe.

Mrs. P. C. Griffiths, of Calgary, is a visitor at the N. A. Johnson home.

O'Neil School District had a splendid Concert on Tuesday last. A detailed report will be published next week.

T. Tredaway is under the weather with a bad attack of La Grippe.

The Anglican Sunday School had a very successful Christmas party and entertainment on Monday. Full details next issue.

Read over coming attractions for the festive season, it will pay you.

The Editor visited relatives in Calgary, Saturday and Sunday.

Obituary

MALINDA CRESSMAN

Mrs. Joseph Cressman (nee Malinda Weber), wife of Joseph Cressman, Kitchener, Ontario, died in her 58th year Saturday, December 12th, 1936, after a lengthy illness.

Besides her husband, five children survive. Three daughters, Orpah, Ruby and Leona. Two sons, Joseph and Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cressman lived on the farm now owned by Mr. Melling, three and a half miles west of Crossfield, for a number of years.

The funeral was held Tuesday, December 15, and was largely attended.

Messrs. W. Murdoch and J. Schofield, who have been agents for Dr. McClelland's famous feed products, announce that the Bannister Electric will be the Crossfield headquarters, now that Dr. McClelland has moved to Calgary. The products can still be obtained at the farms of those two agents.

Greetings!

The splendid compensation of business in that it brings us in close touch with so many Good Friends, and to you as one of them, we send our Best Wishes.
May your Christmas be Merry and your New Year be Happy and Prosperous.

W. J. WOOD

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The Same to You

and
MANY OF THEM!

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS, whose Friendship and Goodwill has carried us over the "Bumps," we extend our sincere wishes for a . . .
MERRY CHRISTMAS. May each one of us carry the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT for 365 days in 1937.

Atlas Lumber Co. (Canada) Ltd.

H. R. FITZPATRICK

Local Manager

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The 3-Minute VapoRub Massage

Massage VapoRub briskly on the throat, chest and back between and below the shoulder blades. Then spread it thick over the chest and cover with warm cloth.

Almost before you finish rubbing, VapoRub starts to bring relief two ways at once—two direct ways:

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This safe, external treatment cannot possibly upset the stomach, as constant internal "dosing" is so apt to do. It can be used freely, as often as needed, even on the youngest child.

Now White—Stainless
Thanks to a new process, VapoRub now comes to you in white stainless form. Only the color is removed; it is the same VapoRub—the same formula and the same effective double action.

VICK'S VAPORUB
Mother's Luck is sent VapoRub package for full details of Vicks Plan—a practical home guide to greater freedom from colds. In this case among 17,351 people, this Plan cut sickness from colds more than half! Follow Vicks Plan for Better Control of Colds

Community Hospitalization

During the past three or four years public demand for some form of State hospitalization and medical care or insurance against the great burden of the cost of sickness to the individual has accelerated materially in the three prairie provinces and it has now become an accepted fact that it is only a matter of time before these costs will become a community affair, at least on a province wide scale and perhaps eventually throughout the Dominion.

Many scattered communities have already adopted the principle on a limited basis by the appointment of a part or whole time municipal doctor and by making agreements with hospitals, providing for the medical and hospital care of all, and in some cases, of a section of the members of the subscribing community. In some instances outstanding success can be attributed to these limited ventures, but in other cases it is felt that financial ability has restricted the scope of the work in channels too confined; but even in these cases, the appetite for a wider system has been created, resulting in a growing demand for adoption of a plan which will cover the entire range of care for sickness and one which will spread the costs over a greater number of people.

As a result of this accumulating public demand, the question of some form of group health insurance has of late been occupying the attention of the governments of the three prairie provinces and some progress towards the consummation of plans has been made in varying degree. A good deal of spade work has been done, both by governments and other organizations. One of the chief difficulties confronting the prairie provinces in launching any large scale plan of community health insurance, however, is the absence of any data on which to base the probable cost. It is true estimates have been given by public men and others interested in furthering such a project, of the probable cost of operating a scheme of State medicine or a health insurance scheme, but at best they are only estimates and experience in other fields has demonstrated that often enough estimates are wide of the mark when realization is achieved.

It is true that data is available from other countries where health insurance schemes have been in operation for a time, but these are effective mostly in industrial communities where conditions are entirely different from those prevailing in sparsely settled agricultural areas like the prairies of the Canadian west and for this reason the figures available elsewhere cannot be relied upon when applied to these areas.

In this connection it is interesting to note that an organization recently set up in Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan State, Hospital and Medical League, with an objective of promoting and establishing a scheme for that province, is going about its work in a business-like manner by securing at first hand a great deal of specific information as to actual costs of a large number of farmers for medical and hospital attention for their families over a five-year period.

This information is being procured by a questionnaire which has been sent out by the League, in co-operation with the Wheat Pool, to the 19,000 Pool members in Saskatchewan and when replies are received it will be possible, by striking an average, to show the actual per capita cost for doctors, hospitalization, nursing services and medicine and medical supplies for a very substantial percentage of the rural population of the province.

While this does not demonstrate the probable per capita cost of a scheme of health insurance on community basis, it will provide a great deal of valuable data and give at least a foundation on which to erect a structure and eliminate the necessity of relying on guess-work from the ground up.

Needless to say it will take some considerable time before all the information available from a questionnaire asking for information on a dozen items is received and compiled, and even then the work of the League will only be well started, but the data will not only be of considerable interest but it will be of great value, not only in formulating a feasible plan for Saskatchewan but also for the neighboring provinces where conditions are somewhat similar.

Keeps War Trophy

Bullet Extracted From Body Of War Veteran After 16 Years

Although he had carried it with him constantly for 16 years, James Varley, Christie Street hospital patient, recently saw for the first time a bullet "presented" to him during the war. At the hospital, Dr. G. M. Dale and Dr. E. R. Robertson removed a German service bullet from Varley's lower spine. Now, according to Dr. Dale, Varley plans to shine the bullet and keep it as a trophy.

The Oldest Ocean

According to some investigators, the Atlantic is the youngest, and the Pacific is the oldest of the oceans. Nevertheless, other investigators believe the Atlantic to be the oldest of all the oceans, with the exception of the West Indian region, and that the Pacific is still in the making.

First plum puddings consisted of liquid concoctions, served in soup tureens.

Temperature In Airplanes

Heat Absorbed While On Ground Reduced By Dry Snow

An artificial snowstorm is being created within the passenger compartments of certain transport planes to overcome the heat absorbed by the planes while on the ground. The temperature can be reduced from 70 to 76 degrees within two minutes. The storm is created by spraying a gas basically carbon dioxide on the walls and ceiling of the cabin. This immediately begins to evaporate, resolving itself into a dry snow that leaves no moisture or residue.—New York Times.

It is said that 54 per cent. of the road troubles of motorists is caused by tire and ignition trouble.

It is said that the left hand freezes more rapidly than the right hand.

Money may not talk, but it cheers a man up wonderfully. 2182

Reorganize Militia

Canada's Non-Permanent Active Militia To Be Placed On New Basis

Reorganization of Canada's non-permanent active militia has been completed, and as it emerges from the crucible the new form of the Dominion's citizen soldiers is greatly dwarfed in respect of units but sturdily consistent so far as personnel is concerned.

Hon. Ian Mackenzie, minister of national defence, has released the whole plan involving the reorganization of the non-permanent active forces. These contemplate restriction of units, but are compensated by compactness in efficiency. They also elevate the militia from the prospective to the actual.

In brief, the militia is cut down with respect to paper units. Regiments which previously existed in the militia but only on paper entirely disappeared. Those which persevered strongly in peace times remain, some of them amalgamated with others, it is true, but still with enough preserved in their new name to identify them with their former lustre.

So far as units are concerned, the Mackenzie System is drastic, and has been in process of organization for a year. Reorganization of the non-permanent active forces was the one big problem which confronted the minister when he assumed office last year, and since then the entire department has been working to effect the adjustments announced by Mr. Mackenzie.

The new militia is reduced from 38 cavalry regiments to 20, of which four are armored car units.

The 135 infantry regiments are whittled to 91. These are made up of 59 rifle battalions, 26 machine gun battalions and six tank battalions.

Artillery is increased by 52 new units. Field artillery batteries will henceforth number 110, an increase of 41; medium batteries are increased from 25 to 31. The heavy batteries remain as at present, two, while the coast brigades are unaltered at two. However, anti-aircraft units are increased from one, plus two sections, to six, plus two sections, an increase of five.

The following steps leading up to the reorganization and an analysis of the changes effected were detailed. Immediately after the war, establishment of the Canadian militia was set at 11 divisions and four cavalry divisions.

In 1931 an international disarmament conference was summoned to meet at Geneva on Feb. 8, 1932. Canada, faced with the necessity of filing data at this conference, notified the secretariat that in future her land forces would be limited to six divisions, one cavalry division, and certain fortress and ancillary troops.

Although this decision was made by the government in 1931, no instructions to put it into effect were issued up to the time when the present minister took office on October 23, 1935.

On Dec. 4, 1935, a report was laid before the minister, containing a suggested scheme for reorganization. The minister thereupon gave instructions to proceed.

The reorganization is now completed. A few inactive units have been disbanded. Thirty-two cavalry regiments have been reduced to 16 cavalry regiments, and four armored car regiments.

A total of 135 infantry and machine gun battalions have been reduced to 91 rifle battalions, 26 machine gun battalions, and six tank battalions.

By conversion of cavalry and infantry units and by formation of new units, the Royal Canadian Artillery has been increased by 41 field batteries, six medium batteries, and five anti-aircraft batteries.

Won Wide Acclaim

But Italian Workers Found Mussolini's Plan Not So Good

Mussolini won wide acclaim among Italian workers when, on August 1, an agreement made under caviar regiments was announced providing a 10 per cent. wage increase for 500,000 mechanical employees and metalurgical establishments. But—

Two months later Mussolini reduced the value of the Italian currency 41 per cent, making the workers' lira worth barely half of what it had been before on the world market, though a price-fixing edict is supposed to protect its purchasing power at home. And now—

Mussolini has increased the work week to 60 hours to speed up production of war materials by 1,200 industries.

Thus are illustrated the benefits to the worker of the benevolent Fascist dictatorship. Box scores: One pat on the back; two cracks on the nose.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Method May Be Changed

Canadian Banks May Be Future Have Fewer Branches

Two developments of the depression seem likely to influence permanently the methods of bank operation in Canada. One is the gradual withdrawal of the note issue privilege, which in former times helped to finance the opening of "margin" branches. The other is the growth of provincial taxation aimed specifically at the branch offices of the banks.

"The pressure of these forces," writes J. V. Walters, "is bound to compel banks to seek avenues of relief and the most convenient avenues seem to be those of mechanization and of a trend to larger offices as a permanent feature of policy rather than a temporary expedient. There is a link between such developments inasmuch as mechanization can be most successfully applied to the larger offices. In addition, if this trend should come about, it would affect not only the size but also the flexibility of operating expenses. The reason is that the operation of machines in banks tends to become the prerogative of the female section of the staff, a section in which the annual labor turnover is much higher than in the male section. Thus, since cessation of recruitment at the onset of depression is already the policy of banks, the total staff of a bank would adjust itself more rapidly to conditions."—Canadian Banker.

Extra Pay For Christmas

Extra Wage Compensation Is Announced For Employees Of General Foods

A week before Christmas all employees of General Foods who have been with the company prior to January 1, 1936, received an extra wage compensation of two weeks' pay, according to an announcement by R. K. McIntosh, Managing Director of General Foods Limited, Toronto.

The distribution was made on December 17, 1935. An extra compensation of one week's pay was given to all employees between January 1, 1936 and November 17, 1936.

These extra wage compensations affect all General Foods employees in 63 plants and sales offices in Canada and the United States. The employees receiving it participate in the manufacture and sale of such widely known and popular goods as Jell-O, Maxwell House Coffee, Grape-Nuts, Post Toasties, Certo, Baker's Cocoa, Baker's Chocolate, Santa Coffee, Post's Corn Flakes, Sugar-Crisp, Corn Flakes, Baker's Coconut, "Grape-Nuts" Flakes, Minute Tapioca, Postum and Swans Down Cake Flour.

The extra pay compensation is in addition to the vacations with pay extended this year to all factory employees of the company.

SELECTED RECIPES

PLAIN LAYER CAKE

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons Magic Baking Powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon flavoring

Cream butter until as light as whipped cream, add sugar, gradually beating all the time. Add the whole eggs, one at a time, beating well between the additions of each egg. Stir together flour, baking powder and salt, and fold in one-third of the milk mixture, one-third of the milk, and continue until all flour and milk are used up. Add flavoring. Half fill buttered and oiled pans. Bake in oven at 350 degrees F. until done.

When cool put between layers and cover cake with the following:

- Pineapple Frosting**
- 2 tablespoons pineapple juice
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups or more confectioner's sugar

Put pineapple juice into saucepan, when at boiling point remove from fire—add butter and lemon juice—when butter is melted pour slowly in the sugar, beating hard until of a nice consistency to spread.

Lost From Wrecked Plane

Letter Washed Up On England's Shores Returned To Sender

Lost in the wreck of a British transport plane and washed up on the shores of England after an undetermined lapse of time, a letter posted in Guelph, Ontario, in September, destined for Australia, has been returned to the sender in Guelph. The letter was posted by Mrs. T. Storey and apparently came from the wreck of the Boadicea, which left Guelph for Paris and was never seen again. A note from the British postal authorities, which accompanied the returned letter, indicated it was included in a packet washed up from the wreck of the British transport plane.

This advertisement is written and inserted without charge in compliment to a truly great Canadian through whose unselfish efforts the wild fowl have found refuge in their migrations.

That every home may read Jack Miner's own writings and see by photographs (28 in all) his book has been carefully illustrated on 16 pages and 12 pages more material at \$1.25, instead of the previous \$2.00. It's just out!

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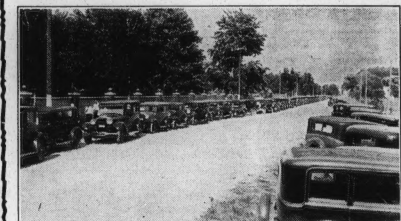
Yes—they're wild Swans—but they all love Jack

Every Boy Scout, every school boy and every school girl in Canada now knows of Jack Miner and many, many thousands of adults too, have seen him and heard him talk (you can't call it a lecture) about his work for the preservation of wild life. He is called by authorities "one of the world's great naturalists."

Practically without money he started his idea of a place where wild bird life would be protected during migration North and South—the birds found out about it before the public did—and finally aid had to be given to buy corn to feed the geese, ducks, swans in their thousands upon thousands who settled in his ponds and rested unmolested.

Perhaps you can't travel half way across Canada to see this sight but let us tell you it's a thrill of a lifetime. To you and those like you it is possible to read Jack's own words in his 207 page book, and through the 68 pictures get a good idea of the work that's going on. Jack is not a money maker—he's a poor man, financially—if people had not contributed when they saw what a wonderful thing was being done he could not have continued. He charges no admission fees—sells no souvenirs and his only hard and fast rules for visitors are "no bad language to be used" and that "everything is shut tight on Sundays".

Jack is 71 (born April 10, 1865) and only occasionally gets away for a radio talk or lecture now—he's hale and hearty but very busy around home.



Autos line up for miles every spring and fall. The fence you see was built by an admirer of Jack

People come from all over the world to see the Jack Miner Sanctuary—this work has encouraged others to do the same thing elsewhere, so making Jack very happy.

Every home should have this book because besides birds it discusses a homely philosophy of life which, if followed, would make us all happy. It impresses children and adults alike with its genuineness and rugged honesty.

Now if you want this new book, "Jack Miner and the Birds"—207 pages—68 photographs—just go to your stationery store and order it or if you can't get it there write to the Copp Clark Co., Ltd., 495 Wellington Street, W., Toronto—the Canadian agents—and they'll see that you do get it.

Medical Service In North

Native Inhabitants Not Neglected By Canadian Government

Medical care for the native inhabitants of Canada's Far North is provided by the Canadian Government, and for thousands of miles along the Arctic coast of the Dominion, in fair weather and in foul, medical officers in the service of the Government bring their healing art to the aid of the Eskimo citizens, while Indian, Indians, half-breeds and indigent whites are also given medical aid. Winter and summer patrols of hundreds of miles are not unusual, and nearly every mode of transportation known to the North Country, such as airplane, steamboat, motor boat, canoe, and dog sled has been used to deliver this service. Eight doctors are employed in the work, and their efforts to prevent serious illness among the Northern natives are bearing fruit—Canada Week By Week.

Education For Life

The Hon. Dr. Simpson, Ontario's Minister of Education, has the right idea in his decision to overhaul the curriculum in the primary schools of the province so that emphasis will be placed on the "education of pupils for life rather than for the universities." When this is accomplished we may expect to see fewer mistakes in life and fewer failures in the higher seats of learning.

Punctuality is merely the art of guessing how late she will be.

Students In Years-Long Test

To Determine If Season Affects Use Of Energy

Four unnamed students of the Medical School at the University of Buffalo are the "guinea pigs" in a year-long experiment to determine whether a person uses the more energy in cold or warm weather.

Dr. Fred R. Griffin Jr., head of the Physiology Department, and Miss Julia E. Lockwood, an instructor, who are conducting the test, said it was based on "the amount of oxygen used." This shows the amount of energy burned up.

The four students are living at the Medical School on diets which give them the same number of calories every day, summer and winter. Every morning samples of their expired air are collected in a gasometer and tested for oxygen and carbon dioxide.

Puzzle To Naturalists

Two geese have been hatched in the Wild Animal park, Moose Jaw, as the result of the mating of a blue goose with a Canada gander. The event is puzzling naturalists. Canada geese usually mate only with their own kind and should anything happen to one of the pair the other goes through life alone.

The first directory of London had a royal origin, being started by Charles I, who wanted a list of citizens who would loan him money.

Sales abroad of German musical instruments are at record levels.

ARMS TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN MAY END WAR

London.—The indirect manner in which the Spanish government announced its acceptance "in principle" of the arms traffic control plan drafted by the non-intervention committee provoked considerable surprise in government circles here.

With the support of Premier Francisco Largo Caballero's government thus at least tentatively assured, the answer of General Francisco Franco was impatiently awaited. There was no indication whether the control proposal would be endorsed or rebuffed by the insurgent commander-in-chief.

News of the government's acceptance was received from the British charge d'affaires at Madrid, G. A. D. Ogilvie-Forbes, only after he himself had been informed of the move through the Spanish press. On the basis of newspaper articles it was understood the Valencia government accepted "in principle," but reserved the right to discuss the proposal in detail and even reject it.

Observers viewed Valencia's approval of the arms traffic plan as further expediting the already well advanced negotiations for an agreement between Britain and Italy to settle their differences in the Mediterranean. While the Spanish question is not directly linked to the various proposals under discussion, it was reported to be one of the obstacles blocking the way toward immediate conclusion of an official accord.

(From Rome the Associated Press reported an agreement had already been reached.)

French Ambassador Charles Corbin's visit to the foreign office was interpreted by observers as indicating that Paris is seeking to be included in any Anglo-Italian accord regarding their interests in the Mediterranean.

According to these quarters, Britain would not oppose French participation in the projected agreement. Italy was described as fearing, however, the execution of an accord with France might prejudice its relations with Germany, which might view the move as a retreat from the strong bonds recently welded between Berlin and Rome.

Relief Rolls Reduced

Most Of Smaller Cities Show Lesser

Number On Relief

Ottawa.—The smaller cities of Canada have reduced their direct relief rolls approximately three times as fast in the past year as the cities of more than 25,000 population, figures released by the national employment commission indicated. In the Sept., 1936, totals for 32 small cities revealed an average reduction of 19.16 per cent. from the totals for Sept., 1935. In the 12 larger cities the reduction was 6.41 per cent. The reduction between Sept., 1936, and 1935 was 22.29 per cent. in the smaller cities and 9.79 per cent. in the larger.

The total on relief last September in 32 small cities, as shown by the national registration, was 51,400, compared to 63,583 a year ago and 64,556 in 1934. An additional 9,077 registered in eight other municipalities this September.

All but five of the small cities show reductions in the numbers on relief. Sudbury leading with a drop from 2,410 to 694. Port Arthur almost cut its total in half. Oshawa, Sault Ste. Marie, Brandon, Medicine Hat and The Pas, Minn., Que., all had increases in relief registrations.

Total numbers on direct relief in the western cities concerned last September, with figures for Sept., 1935, in brackets, follow:

Moose Jaw, Sask., 3,337 (3,926).

Alberta—Lethbridge 1,608 (1,727).

Medicine Hat, 490 (390).

New Westminster, British Columbia, 1,343 (1,991).

Premier Celebrates Birthday

Prime Minister King Attains The Age Of 62

Ottawa.—Prime Minister Mackenzie King on Dec. 17 celebrated his 62nd birthday, having been born Dec. 17, 1874, in Berlin (now Kitchener) Ont. He has been to the forefront in Dominion politics for 28 years and three times has been prime minister.

Heavily burdened by the accumulation of work incidental to the forthcoming parliamentary session, much retarded by the unexpected constitutional developments, the prime minister spent the day at his desk.

Tourist Traffic Increases

All-Time High Record Is Established In Canada This Summer

Ottawa.—An all-time high in the volume of tourists visiting Canada's national parks was established this summer, Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of mines and resources, announced. In the seven months ended Oct. 31 more than 700,000 motor tourists visited the parks, an increase of 15 per cent. over last year and a new record.

Increases in tourist traffic were noted particularly at Banff, Waterton lakes and Jasper parks in Alberta, Kootenay park in British Columbia, Riding Mountain park in Manitoba, and Prince Albert park in Saskatchewan. A new record was also established at Point Pelee park in southern Ontario and gains were made at the Elk Island park in Alberta and the Yoho park in British Columbia. There were indications the rail traffic to the western national parks was also considerably greater than in 1935.

"Although tourist travel arising from the national parks at present centres mainly in western Canada," said a statement by Mr. Crerar, "steps are being taken to extend the benefit of national playgrounds conveniently located to residents of the eastern provinces. During the past year two new areas have been added to the national parks system—458 square miles in the northern part of Cape Breton Island presenting outstanding examples of rugged coastline and mountain background, and a strip of more than 20 miles along the northern shore of Prince Edward Island which includes some of the finest bathing beaches in eastern Canada. Surveys of these areas are now being completed by the national parks."

Need Of Christianity

Says The World Must Return To Christian Principles

London.—A group of Church of England leaders issued a manifesto proclaiming the need of the modern world to return to Christian principles.

Couched in terms much less personal than those used by the Archbishop of Canterbury in his attack on former King Edward's "social circle," the manifesto was signed by the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Carlisle and the Dean of Rochester.

"A very large proportion of political and economic disorders which are threatening," the message declared, "are directly attributable to the unchristian manner in which we have treated our enemies of the Great War."

"One of the most profoundly important lessons in modern history is to be learned from a comparison of our treatment of South Africa after the Boer war and of the reich since the Versailles treaty. The application of the principles requires in the international sphere the greatest indulgence, and requires the securing for every man of a fair share of leisure and work and his equipment for the effective use of both."

"Economic and political studies should be undertaken in the light of Christian principles."

Will Not Form New Party

Chief Proponent Of People's Front In Britain Resigns

London.—Formation of a "People's Front" in Britain is doomed as a result of the "inaugural" meeting at Friends' house, it appeared when one of its chief proponents, the Conservative member of parliament, Robert Boothby, resigned.

He objected to an attack on the Baldwin government by a labor adherent, G. D. H. Cole, noted economist, at the meeting. The News Chronicle, which launched the idea, gave little publicity to it in a later issue.

Labor circles declared the idea of a People's Front failed to correspond to the realities of parliamentary politics in Britain at the present time.

They added that Communists like John Strachey, a "founder" of the new organization, are intellectuals rather than men of politics and have always acted more or less independently of their parties.

British Ship Halted

Gibraltar.—The British steamship City of Oxford reported on arrival here that she had been asked by the German battleship Deutschland to give her origin and destination off the Portuguese coast. Captain A. Hilditch, master of the steamship, which was proceeding from Liverpool with general cargo, said he gave the information and continued toward Gibraltar unmolested.

Alberta Cattle Sold

Total Of 1,058 Animals Were Taken By Quebec Buyers

Calgary.—Southern Alberta farmers and ranchers are richer by \$20,000 cash as result of the visit of Quebec cattle buyers.

A total of 1,058 animals were bought by Quebec buyers in a five-week period. R. M. Elliott, special representative of the Quebec department of agriculture, who bought for farmers only, took 545 of the animals at an approximate cost of \$10,000.

Most of the cattle were bought under the free freight plan, the federal government and Quebec splitting the transportation charges.

BRITISH POSITION IN RESPECT TO ITALY'S CONQUEST

London.—Pressing problems of foreign policy once again held the spotlight in the House of Commons.

Provoked by questions from the floor, Foreign Secretary Eden made the following disclosure:

1. Italy has given verbal assurance it has not up to now negotiated with the Spanish insurgents to obtain control of the Balearic islands, and does not intend to do so in the future.

2. Britain will not accord formal recognition to Italy's conquest of Ethiopia.

In the latter connection, however, Eden intimated his government would in practice take cognizance of altered administrative conditions both in the East African territory and in Manchukuo.

"We must in Manchuria (Manchukuo) and elsewhere enter such negotiations with local authorities as are necessary to protect British interests," the foreign secretary said.

He also made clear Britain no longer bears Emperor Haile Selassie or his representatives retain any control over Ethiopia.

"British representation in occupied Abyssinia (Ethiopia) has been for some time under consideration, with special reference to the problems arising from retention of a diplomatic mission accredited to a government which does not exercise any local authority," he said.

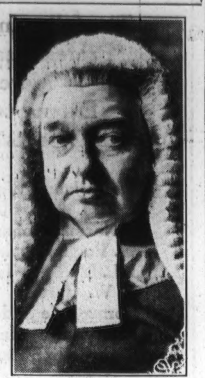
"This statement was made in reply to a question from Miss Eleanor Rathbone, Independent member, as to whether Britain contemplated creating a consulate in Addis Ababa instead of the existing legation."

Philip Noel Baker, Labor, asked whether the government would adhere to the League of Nations declaration of Feb. 16, 1932, that no change of a league member's territorial status resulting from violation of article X of the covenant would be recognized.

"His Majesty's government adhere to the principle enunciated in the declaration referred to, which was made in connection with the particular case of the Sino-Japanese dispute," Eden replied, "but in His Majesty's government must be entitled to take account of the facts of the situation, where British interests are concerned, to deal with actual authorities on the spot."

"Any action on their (British government's) part does not imply approval of the methods whereby the situation was brought about."

BARON HEWART



Lord Chief Justice of England, who plays a prominent part in the preparations for the Coronation. This is a reproduction of the Baron's latest portrait.

Demand For Wheat

Is Result Of Succession Of Poor Harvests Throughout The World

Liverpool.—Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian high commissioner in London, said the considerable increase in wheat imports was mainly the result of a succession of disastrous harvests throughout the world.

Addressing the annual banquet of the Liverpool chamber of commerce, he attributed the growing wheat import to this factor, rather than to advantages of trade agreements secured by Canada.

Massey said it was often forgotten that Canada's exports to the United Kingdom were made up largely of raw materials, essentially non-competitive with United Kingdom products. Canadian timber, for instance, was being increasingly used in Britain.

Canadian customs machinery now was greatly simplified, said the high commissioner. There also had been discussions as to how existing trade agreements might further be improved. All this was part of the declared policy of the Canadian government for freer channels of trade.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The lights behind the window panes
May shine with golden glow,
Or holly bough and laurel wreath
And sprigs of mistletoe.
The Christmas tree may glint and gleam

With all their tinsel's art;
But friends, it won't be Christmas
Unless you have it in your heart.

The voices of the little ones
In happiness may raise;
You, too, may join perfunctorily
In carolings of praise.

And 'tho' you give with lavish hand,
As you do your ordered part,
My friends, it won't be Christmas
Unless you have it in your heart.

The greeting of your neighbors
May be kinder, cheerier, too,
As merry bells in rapture tell
The tidings strange and true:

But the giving and receiving
Of presents set apart,
Isn't Christmas, O my brother,
Unless you have it in your heart.

—F. Grubb, "Dayton Daily News"

KING'S NEPHEW PLAYS FOOTBALL



Viscount Lascelles, the King's nephew, struggles for a scrumming (top centre) while playing in the Lower House Cup final at Eton.

Wheat Shortage In Germany

German Newspaper Predicts A Food Catastrophe For Reich

Berlin.—The Frankfurter Zeitung's recent warning Germany faces a 1,000,000-ton wheat shortage may be the straw to break the back of that internationally known, liberally inclined paper, reliable sources reported here.

Pragmatic Minister Goebbels was said to be considering withdrawal of the newspaper's publication permit. The Frankfurter Zeitung is the only German paper to have bluntly predicted a food catastrophe ahead for the third reich. It estimated available wheat supplies at 4,000,000 tons, and said Germany needed 55,000,000 tons normally.

Meanwhile regimented menus became the contribution of restaurant keepers to the reich's four-year self-sufficiency plan. Beginning Jan. 1, menus will be on a semi-weekly basis, with a limited number of dishes and emphasis on fish.

Restaurants will offer not in excess of four soups, 10 ready meat dishes, six cold or four warm hors d'oeuvres, six kinds of fowl or game, six kinds of vegetables in season, or eggs done in six different ways.

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Two voices from western Canada were raised in protest against benefits they claimed had accrued to the automobile industry through the 1935 tariff adjustments.

Protest against the railways' refusal to equip 2,000 freight cars at a cost of \$1,500,000 for automobile transport came from H. J. Carmichael of General Motors.

Chester A. Bloom, western newspaperman, declared the government's difference of the differential between Canadian and American car prices was such as to constitute a "rake-off," making the government a virtual partner in this "rake-off."

Mr. Carmichael accounted for most of the gross difference of \$148 between the American and Canadian prices on the Chevrolet master six coach, which was one of four cars cited, but he ended up with \$61.88 of it described as "surplus to the Canadian factory."

"You still get \$61.88 from the tariff," Mr. Bloom emphasized. "The government gets \$65.68—which is so big a rake-off as to make it almost a racket."

He dubbed that \$61 "excess profit." Mr. Carmichael insisted it was "excess cost." "Our company hasn't made a profit for six years," he said. "You mean that is the cost of making cars in Canada," suggested Hon. George H. Sedgewick, chairman of the board.

"The consumer is primarily concerned with the delivery price," put in R. T. Graham, officially representing the government of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Unofficially, he claimed to be representing "the forgotten man," the consumer.

Mr. Graham said the Ford 1937 price was about \$30 higher, despite tariff changes, and contrary to the trend of prices of competing cars.

"From the consumer's standpoint it has been extremely disappointing that the tariff board's inquiry of last year did not result in savings to the consumer, although the board expressed its particular interest at that time," Mr. Graham said.

In his breakdown of comparative Ottawa and Washington prices of a Chevrolet master six coach, Mr. Carmichael stated the list price here was \$830 and in Washington \$625. To begin with, the Ottawa price included \$6.80 for eight free greasings.

Canadian federal taxes amounted to \$55.98 (sales tax \$45.54, and duty and taxes on imported materials \$10.44), while the American federal tax was \$16.70. That left a Canadian tax excess of \$48.98, reducing the gross difference of \$148 to \$99.02.

The Canadian dealer got the same discount; his margin was \$183.27 against the United States dealer's margin of \$146.82. This left a difference of \$37.14 on the Canadian side, which deducted from the \$99.02 left \$61.88 unaccounted for as surplus to the factory.

SOME GERMANS SAID CAPTURED NEAR MADRID

Madrid.—First capture of "German troops" during fierce fighting west of Madrid was announced by the junta of defense—at the close of the fifth month of civil war.

The Germans, said a spokesman, were captured in fighting around Boadilla Del Monte, seven miles west of the capital, and commanding a secondary route to the east.

(Insurgent headquarters of Salamanca announced officially the town had been taken by the Fascists, and that an international defence brigade had left 83 dead on the field.)

"Some Germans were killed, some were wounded and several were taken prisoner," said the junta spokesman. "I can't give you the figures now."

"The fighting has started there again and the insurgents are obviously trying desperately to extend their flanks and take the road to Escorial. But the Germans seem to find the government lines as hard to smash as did the Moors."

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Mass Ceremony

Unveiling Of Plaques In 14 Cities Commemorating Sir Henry

Thornton

Ottawa.—In 14 cities across Canada, railwaymen simultaneously unveiled plaques commemorating Sir Henry W. Thornton, chairman and president of the Canadian National Railways from 1922 to 1932.

The mass ceremony, stretched across a chain of cities from Sydney, N.S., to Vancouver, was centred in Ottawa, where speakers from the railway brotherhoods eulogized the former system head who died in 1933.

The bronze plaques, bearing Sir Henry's portrait in raised profile, were unveiled at Sydney, Halifax, Charlottetown, Moncton, Montreal, Toronto, London, Ottawa, Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Vancouver, and Prince Rupert.

Great Lakes Shipping

Declared To Be The Best Season Since The Depression Struck

Toronto.—The Great Lakes shipping world is back to its best season since the depression started, but one in which 46 lives were lost in four major shipping disasters. Business was good and prospects were for increased activity next year.

Vessels were busier this year making 25 to 30 trips compared to 16 to 18 in 1935. Tragically, however, struck harder and more often than in recent years.

King Is Proclaimed

Belfast.—The Duke of Abercorn, governor of Northern Ireland, proclaimed to the Ulster parliament the accession of King George VI. to the British throne. The colorful ceremony was preceded by a meeting of the Ulster privy council, presided over by the governor.

Disposal Of Seized Liquor

Ottawa.—Hereafter liquor seized in Ontario which the department of national revenue is interested will be disposed of in the presence of Royal Canadian Mounted Police according to regulations issued by the Ontario and Dominion officials.

Heads Alberta Wheat Pool

Calgary.—Head of the Alberta Wheat Pool since it was organized in 1923, Henry Wise Wood, 79, has been re-elected its chairman. C. Jensen, of Morden, was elected vice president at a meeting of the directorate.

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HERE was a star that put to shame
All other glittering stars of night;
There was a song that suddenly came
To heal each heart of sorrow's blight.
TO HEAL each heart of sorrow's blight,
And tell the world that hate must cease;
To show that Love was king, not might,
And bind war with the bonds of peace.
AND bind war with the bonds of peace,
O love, this was your stratagem:
A kind whose Kingdom would increase;
The Miracle of Bethlehem!

—John Richard Moreland

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We can all do much ourselves, by practising in our own little corners, the extending of fellowship to our neighbours, the instituting and retaining of Brother Love, and as we have said before, this will grow and grow till it's caught up all over the world.

Let us then, this Christmas, Go even unto Bethlehem, and worship Him, "The King of Kings."

Orfiss Kolumm P. D. Sez.



Who does not feel a little kinder on Christmas Day? Who, however hard this world may be, does not find it a little easier then? Where is the burden that is not a little lighter? Even the miser feels a touch of pity; even Scrooge's heart will melt. It is the magic of Christmas.



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Here and There

Opening three weeks earlier this year with a 15-inch snow fall on December 2, the ski-ing season in Quebec province was off to a flying start with special Canadian Pacific trains as well as regulars crowded with enthusiasts on the first week-end thereafter from Montreal to the Laurentians.

The Empress of Britain will start the winter cruise season from New York December 29 on a nine-day voyage to the West Indies and Cuba. It will carry its own night club of Broadway entertainers and a smart dance band. The Empress of Australia, between January 7 and March 26 will make six cruises of eight, nine, ten, 16 and 18 day duration to the West Indies, all from New York.

Gift of a visit home for Christmas and New Year was the unusual present suggested for the year end by G. E. Carter, general passenger agent, Canadian Pacific Railway, Montreal, as he explained the company's pre-paid ticket plan for sending transportation to out-of-town relatives and friends. Arrangement of details of such visits is extremely simple, Mr. Carter said, and tickets cost no more despite use of telegraph in case of emergency and the guarantee that the tickets will reach the right person. This service is not confined to Christmas and New Year but is particularly popular at this season.

Canadian and world ski-ing enthusiasts will have an opportunity to test the Rocky Mountains' claim of having ski facilities equal to any where. The Dominion championships of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association are held from March 5 to 8 on the steep slopes of 2,275-foot Mount Norquay, four miles from the Canadian Pacific Railway station at Banff.

According to announcement by Canadian Pacific Communications Department Christmas and New Year's greetings of pre-arranged message texts will be available to the public this year. Within Eastern or within Western Canada they will be accepted at the low rate of 25 cents. Between eastern and western Canada and from points in eastern and western Canada to points in the U.S.A. they will be accepted at 40 cents. Rates are subject to government tax.

A gift to the Province of Ontario from the Kerry Hill Flock Book Society, in North Wales, ten ewes and one ram, of the world famous Kerry Hill sheep are now at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. The gift was arranged through W. Rupert Davies, President and Editor of the Kingston "Whig-Standard", and the sheep, known in Wales as "apple-faced rentpayers", are expected to prove extremely popular with stock breeders across Canada. Experts consider the Kerry Hill sheep an outstanding breed, noted for their adaptability to any environment, and for their general utility.

Canadian Pacific semi-streamlined, air-conditioned trains which have been a feature of railway development this year, have had a big reaction on Christmas presents and are now being shown in many of the big department stores in the form of models. These miniature trains are having great success with the kiddies who are given rides in them to the stores and then have the opportunity of getting a toy train for Christmas, built on the same lines as the miniature.

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Circumstances Which Have Forced Nine Living Rulers To Abandon Their Thrones

Of all the world's millions, eight men and a boy probably are best qualified to appreciate the present plight of King Edward VIII.

Those nine are the only living persons who know what it means to give up a crown.

The most famous of the nine—Germany's former Kaiser—put up a tenacious battle to hold his throne. It was war, not love, that cost Wilhelm his kingdom. His army was losing, his allies were dropping out of the Great War. But he refused to abdicate.

Even after his chancellor, Prince Maximilian of Baden, asked the enemy for an armistice, Wilhelm clung to his crown. Not until he visited his generals and received their ultimatum did he sign his withdrawal and flee by motor across the Dutch border Nov. 9, 1918.

Two more recently-exiled rulers still have regal ambitions. Haile Selassie's warriors still fight the Italian invaders in Ethiopia, and the "King of Kings" still has visions of getting League of Nations help to resume the royal line.

Equally ambitious is the former King Alfonso XIII of Spain. A revolution pushed him off his throne. But in the midst of the present civil war he vowed he would yet "die a king."

Instead of struggling to regain his crown, former King Prajadhipok of Siam does everything he can to forget he ever lived in a palace. He resides quietly in England. A revolution broke out while he was abroad having cataracts removed from his eyes. So he abdicated.

Former King Ferdinand of Bulgaria is also much relieved not to be a king any more. For 30 years he ruled, he was in constant danger of assassination. He kept a loaded revolver on his desk every time a visitor came. Leaving the throne to Crown Prince Boris after the Great War setback, he went to Austria and has lived since in exile.

Amanullah Khan is probably sorry he is no longer king of Afghanistan, for in his place of exile in Italy he insists his claim to the throne. He is the son of the late king, and he is the son of the late king.

It was considered bad when he and his queen toured Europe in 1927, but buying modern furniture, clothing and art objects. It was too much when he advocated education of women and abolition of the veil two years later. The Mohammedan priests got rid of him.

Crown Prince Michael was too young to know much about it. But he owed his short reign as king of Rumania to an "affair." He succeeded to the throne as a child in 1927 after his father, the present King Carol, lost favor as a result of his friendship with Mme. Magda Lupescu and his subsequent divorce from his queen, Helen of Greece. Four years later Carol rewon the throne and Michael is now just a prince again.

Rides On Cushions

Little Pig Goes To Market In Stock Car With Springs

The little pig that goes to market nowadays has an easier journey than did his predecessor of only a short time ago, particularly if he rides, as do so many thousands of his kind, in stock cars attached to Canadian National Railway freight trains. The reason is that practically all stock cars on the national system are now equipped with friction springs to give little piggy a smoother ride to his destination. The result is that little piggy arrives in better condition, with fewer bruises and with less weight shrinkage than he did when stock cars were springless. Of more than 2,500 modern stock cars in use on the national system all but one hundred have now been equipped with friction springs. The balance are being so equipped as fast as they come into car shops or "rip trucks" for repairs. The friction springs, railroads say, will soon be applied to cars for all classes of freight.

Belgium Minister To Canada

Robert Silvercruys, secretary of the Belgian embassy at London, was named Belgium's first minister to Canada. Simultaneous with the announcement of Silvercruys's appointment the Brussels foreign office said the Brussels government's consulate-general at Ottawa was transformed into a legation.

Believe it or not; education is what you get after you leave school.

World's Heaviest Meat Eaters

People Of Australia, New Zealand And Argentina Appear To Consume More Than Other Countries

According to the official summary of figures of world production and trade relating to meat, which includes beef, mutton and lamb, bacon, hams and pork, cattle, sheep pigs and canned meat compiled by the Imperial Economic Committee, there are striking contrasts in the apparent consumption of meat per head in various countries. The peoples of New Zealand, Australia and Argentina are large meat eaters. The Argentinians eat mainly beef; only the New Zealanders and Australians consume both mutton and beef, the total consumption of meat in each of the three countries being over 200 pounds per head of population. In Canada, the United States and Great Britain the per capita consumption of meat averages about 140 pounds, of which beef and pork are eaten in about equal quantities in Canada and the United States, while the 140 pounds per head consumption in Great Britain is divided up into 65 pounds beef; 45 pounds pork, and 30 pounds mutton.

European countries, in general, consume less meat. Germany eats more pork than beef; France more beef than pork, and neither consumes any material amount of mutton, their aggregate consumption of meat being approximately 110 pounds per head for Germany and 90 pounds per head for France. Livestock numbers, adds the summary, do not afford a reliable indication of meat production, due largely to the different purposes for which the animals are kept. Cattle, does not figure as an important milk production or for draught purposes, and in the largest sheep-raising countries wool is of more importance than mutton. India, with more than one-quarter of the world's cattle, does not figure as an important beef-producing country. As in the case of live stock numbers, figures of slaughtering are not available for some of the world as a whole and only for the countries which share the international trade in meat. From estimates available, it seems clear that beef production in the principal producing countries declined between 1925 and 1931, but an appreciable recovery has since occurred.

Reached New Low Mark

Commercial Failures Fewer Than In Same Period For Last 15 Years

Commercial failures, generally recognized as a fair barometer of business conditions, reached a new low in Canada for the past 15 years in the first nine months of this year the Dominion bureau of statistics reported.

The total was 908 failures, compared to 980 in the same period last year, 1,159 in 1934, 1,585 in 1933 and more than 1,200 a year through the 1920-30 decade.

Quebec led the provinces with 434, Ontario 291, Saskatchewan 177, Alberta 63, British Columbia 27, Manitoba 28, Nova Scotia 23, New Brunswick 12 and Prince Edward Island five.

Trade accounted for 441 of the total, manufacturers 144, service 139, agriculture 80, construction 38, mining 11, public utilities 10, and finance nine.

Shortage Of Troops

London Needs More Men For Defensive Purposes

British territorial units assigned to the defence of the London metropolitan area against aerial attacks are far below the strength planned when they were set up, the war ministry announced.

The special force was said to need 305 officers and 15,528 non-commissioned officers and privates to bring it up to the prescribed strength of 981 officers and 25,314 soldiers and N.C.O.'s.

A horse show is where the elite turn out to show the horses their latest gewgaws.

Most swift-swimming fish have forked tails. These allow the water to converge behind the body without interference from the tail fin.

"Goodness, how fat Betty is getting."

"That's because she dally doesn't."

A New York barber advertises that he cuts hair according to a client's features.



"You've got a fine lot of books, old man—but why no bookshelves?"
"Well, you see, I can't find anybody who'll lend me any bookshelves."
—Kohlschütter Illustration

Still A Menace

Motorists Again Warned Against Carbon Monoxide Fumes

We are entering the season of the year when the danger of contacting the deadly fumes of carbon monoxide is aggravated by the fact that in cold weather there is a tendency to start the car motor with the garage doors closed. The old adage which says: "Don't lock the stable door after the horse is stolen," should now be made to read: "Don't start your car until the garage doors are open."

A motor running for a few moments in a closed garage produces enough monoxide to kill several persons. Caution and mindfulness of the monoxide menace should be the watchword of every car owner, who in a moment of forgetfulness, might neglect to safeguard his life in this respect.

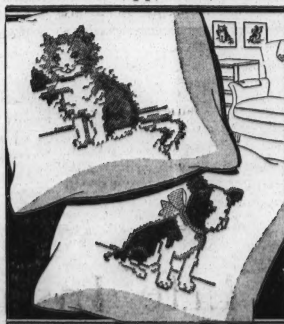
Nor is the closed garage the only place where poisonous monoxide fumes pollute the air to the detriment of our health; for the public must breathe in the gaseous fumes of thousands of automobiles and buses which crowd city streets and country highways.

Years ago the noise incident to motor car operation was so great that the law required automobiles to add mufflers so that the car drums and nerves of the public would be protected. Recently two Winnipeg garagemen announced the invention of an attachment to neutralize completely the poisonous monoxide gas created by the automobile. If and when their claims are proven, it might be a move in the right direction, as a public safety measure, to insist on all cars being equipped with the protective device.—Kitchener Record.

Mother humming birds tie their youngsters to the nest. One foot of each baby is woven to the wall of the nest.

The whale is said to have the largest mouth in the world, with the hippopotamus ranking second in this respect.

Alert Pets Appeal to Your Needle



PATTERN 5682
A charming two-piece, and the best friends in the world—this sturdy bull-pup and bright-eyed cross-stitch kitten in 8 to the inch cross stitch. Effective in color or silk, you'll find this engaging pair an ideal motif for colorful pillows or companion pictures. Make them for gifts or bazaar donations in pairs or singly, and watch them "steal the limelight." Grand pick-up pattern for in-between moments! In pattern 5682 you will find transfer pattern of a dog 6 1/2 x 6 1/2 inches and a cat 7 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches; material requirements; color key; illustrations of all stitches used.

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Motion Pictures Threaten To Change Character Of England's Rising Generation

Queen Elizabeth

A Quiet Modest Woman Devoted To Her Family

"She is not one of those modern girls, thank God!"
Thus did Queen Mary write in a letter concerning Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, the Scottish lass who on April 26, 1923, became Duchess of York, and who is now Queen of England. And to George V, she was "the nicest girl I've met."

Descendant of a proud Scots family whose story history is traced back to the 14th century, the new queen is not now the youthful girl who walked down the aisle of Westminster church some 13 years ago, as the bride of the second son of George V. She is now a mature woman of 36, and the mother of two little girls.

But today she is still the quiet, modest woman. Her life has been serene and tranquil always, devoted to her family and the duties that have attended her position.

The queen was born Elizabeth Angela Bowes-Lyon, youngest daughter of the fourteenth Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, on August 4, 1900. Until the time of her engagement to the Duke of York, she lived obscurely and was probably less known to the British public than many another English or Scottish society girl.

A writer in the London Times commented on this fact at the time of her marriage. He wrote:

"Many a wise saw, from the days of ancient Greece to our own time, has declared that, in a woman, to be little known is to be favorably known. The virtues of womanhood are not necessarily to be measured by the degree of publicity they receive. And if the Duke of York has not chosen his bride from among those who have been brought prominently into public notice, the nation will follow with the reader appreciation and sympathy the many beneficial duties which she will now be called upon to perform. The English public is properly and proudly a little jealous about its Royal family."

The public mind, Mary Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon is probably all the more welcome an addition to the Royal family because the public knows practically nothing about her."

Trade With Britain

Policy Of Freer Trade As Solution Of World's Troubles

It is learned on excellent authority that the British government has abandoned the proposal to impose quotas on Canadian dairy products, thus removing the chief obstacle in negotiations for the extension of the Anglo-Canadian treaty.

Retirement of Rt. Hon. Walter Elliot from the ministry of agriculture, it is now revealed, is marking a vital change in the policy of the British government. The special importance is attached to indications that the British ministry is ready to apply a policy of freer trade which is conceded to be the only solution of the world's troubles.

It is believed that the new treaty has been practically completed with Canada retaining all preferences contained in the former agreement. Canadian concessions are declared to be highly valuable, particularly those in respect to woolens. When the new treaty will be announced is uncertain, but will probably be shortly after the Canadian parliament meets.

Language Of Two Countries

Americanization Of Old Country Seems To Be Proceeding

The day may come when Oxford professors will tell their classes how Mary Stuart was "bumped off" and King Charles I. "taken for a ride." Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian high commissioner, said in an amusing speech at the Authors' Club in London.

He said American and English colloquial speech was becoming more and more intermingled, and remarked: "Our ears might soon be attuned to the music of 'boondoggie'."

"The languages of the two countries are becoming common in two senses—the process of assimilation is being assisted by the fact that Elia, Desha, (the current British motion picture studios) and Hollywood are now so closely allied, while the theatres of Broadway and the West End seem more and more united."

A road lighthouse has been erected at Congleton, England, to give warning at night of a steep hill.

American motion pictures are threatening to change the character of the rising generation in England, suggests George de Warfarz, who leaves London for Canada January 26 to assume the office of regional adjudicator in the Dominion drama festival.

In the legitimate theatre Mr. de Warfarz has served as actor, producer and dramatist. Currently he is trying his hand in the production of a movie. The film is called "Big Fella" and stars Paul Robson. But while cinema work is interesting to Mr. de Warfarz, he does not find it an unmitigated blessing. In too many instances, he says, the pictures appear to play down to the supposed infantile mentality of the people who pay their money at the box office.

"The American film, I would almost venture to say," says the new regional adjudicator, "is threatening to change the character of the rising generation in England. You find even the errand boys adopting a nasal twang and using American slang."

It will be Mr. de Warfarz's first visit to North America when he arrives early next year. He will begin looking over the Dominion drama festival in one-act drama at Saint John, N.B.

From there he will proceed westward toward Vancouver and possibly to Victoria, judging between 250 and 300 competitive dramatic productions in the production of Canada's theatre festival. Following that he will be judge of the literary and speech classes at the Quebec musical festival early in April.

Mr. de Warfarz was producer of "The Fairway," the first play in which the Canadian, Raymond Massey, appeared in London. Massey, now regarded as a leading player, later produced a show called "The Wolves," based on life in the Canadian Northwest, and in that Mr. de Warfarz was a member of the cast. It ran for four months at the Garrick.

Two things the new regional adjudicator would like to see revived: The old-time curtain-raiser and the old-time actor-manager, like Sir George Alexander and Sir Charles Wyndham. The curtain-raiser would be a blessing because plays to-day are often written shorter than they used to be and the little one-act to start the evening off would give the customer a full evening's entertainment, also give budding dramatists a chance to display their stuff.

Value Of Fish Food

Said To Be The Proper Diet For Athletes In Training

It is a long stretch from the pyramids of ancient Egypt to the pylons of modern Germany, but it has been spanned by the experience of the British Olympic boxing team.

The manager of the team highly recommends fish as food for athletes in training. Recently the whole team sat down to a fish supper at a famous London restaurant and the coach's opinion that "a fish diet, and only fish, was proper when training."

The team manager, a writer says, is only putting into practice a principle known long ago in Egypt. Cod livers have been used historically for a long time and only a few years back halibut livers were also discovered to be of considerable medicinal importance and the discovery set drug and medical houses buying up all the halibut livers in sight. In sea fish there is an abundance of iodine and inland people have no better food for the prevention of goitre than sea food.

According to leaders of the fish industry, the current craze for fish is to promote the consumption of fish is making people more aware of its health value and tastiness and the public appetite is rapidly becoming a staunch ally of doctor and dietitian.

In memory of their son, the Earl and Countess of Clarendon have given the Hertfordshire boy scouts a camping ground.

Arthromania is a strange malady. The sufferer is obsessed with an uncontrollable desire to count things.

WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

The keel of Japan's second ultra-modern aircraft carrier, the "Chi-yoda," has been laid at Kure.

Chancellor Hitler sent felicitations to King George VI. on the occasion of the 41st birthday anniversary of the new British monarch.

Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Roumania added their names to the list of war debtors defaulting on their installments to the United States government.

During July, August and September, 199,533 foreign passengers were landed in the United Kingdom, an increase of more than 30,000 over the corresponding figures last year.

St. Stephen's first theatre in South Africa, now a church and school for colored children, is to be sold because the congregation is too poor to maintain it.

Dictator John Metaxas of Greece informed the Italian foreign minister, that Greece had appointed a consul at Addis Ababa, thus recognizing Italy's sovereignty in Ethiopia.

Great Britain recommended separation of the League of Nations covenant from the treaty of Versailles at the opening session of the committee for league reform.

Validity of Montreal's sales tax was challenged in superior court by the Imperial Tobacco Company of Canada when the company refused the city's claim for \$3,518 sales tax arrears.

Until new dies have been prepared the Royal Canadian mint will continue to strike coins from the dies now in use bearing the effigy of the late King George V. with the date 1936.

So great is the demand for reading material in Russia that the supply of paper is inadequate to meet it. M. Malsky, Soviet ambassador to Britain, told the First Edition club in London.

May Use Idle Coal Mines

Britain Preparing To Store Foods In Case Of War

Provision for rolling up food reserves that would keep Britain supplied for a year in case of war were put under way when the new Food Defence Plans Department was formed. At the head of it was put Henry Leon French, one of the most experienced of British experts in this field.

It became known that one of the projects to be seriously considered is the use of worked-out and idle coal mines for the storage of food and refrigeration. There are many such mines in the United Kingdom and their workings often go down thousands of feet.

They would be equipped by the employment of thousands of the miners who have been thrown out of work by the depression in the coal trade. Refrigeration plants would be installed and advantage also would be taken of the natural coolness of the workings.

The question of reserve food has been one of the uppermost topics in the country as the European situation has become grave. There is the possibility that submarine and airplane raids would reduce shipping to a dangerous extent and the country would have to gain perhaps a year's time to reopen its communications.

Reserve foodstuffs necessary for 12 months if outside supplies are cut off have been estimated at 3,850,000 tons of wheat, 5,000,000 tons of potatoes, 2,230,000 tons of onions, 1,230,000 tons of cheese and 625,000 tons of butter or margarine.

Methods of preserving fish, meat and vegetables by the carbon-dioxide gas method will be examined. Other plans involve the erection of large silos inland to hold a year's supply of grain, purification of the inland rivers so they could be stocked with edible fish and the expansion of the home canning industry so that a year's supply of meat could easily be stored.

Interesting Wedding

James P. Manon, Attache Of The Canadian Legation In Paris, Is Married In France

The marriage was celebrated in France recently of Miss Claire du Soulier, daughter of Vicomte and Vicomtesse du Soulier to James P. Manon, attache at the Canadian legation in Paris. Mr. Manon is the son of Hon. R. J. Manon, former Canadian minister of railways and canals. The witnesses for the bride were Baronne Alain de Montesquieu, her aunt, and the Vicomte de Toulgoet Tremaux, and for the groom, Hon. Philippe Roy, the Canadian minister, and Col. Barre, commercial attache.

The Christmas Story

The Most Familiar Story In All Literature

The Christmas story is the most familiar story in all literature. It is told in more homes, to more people, to more little children, in more languages, than any other story ever told. I suppose there is no one listening to my voice who can remember the first time he heard the Christmas story. It has always been familiar. It has always been a part of our life. During the past week I have been asking myself this question: "Suppose I had never heard the Christmas story. Suppose by some mischance I had never heard it read, or sung, or told; and then suddenly I was introduced to it and heard it or read it for the first time. What would be its effect upon me?" I think that is a fair question. There are grown-up people all over the world, in China and Japan and Persia and Arabia and Africa, and perhaps here in America, to whom the Christmas story could still be as fresh as it is to us. What impression would it make? That is a question I will try to answer.

I think the story would impress us by its naturalness, or shall I say its humanness. It is such a perfectly human story, and the artists have portrayed it as such in the pictures of the Holy Family—Joseph and Mary and the Little Child and the wondering shepherds and the adoring wise men.

Another impression we would get would be that through all the story the sense of mystery remains. We feel that there is something here that cannot be told. There is something that words cannot express. The story is symbolic of something greater and nobler and more mysterious than the story itself can tell. The angels and their song, the Christ child and his mother, the open plains of Bethlehem and the heavenly chorus, the fact that there was no room for him in the Inn but room for him in a humble stable; the wise men following the star, seekers after truth, coming with their gold and frankincense and myrrh and worshipping and returning to their own land.

The mystery is that God has come down to dwell with men. This is the Christmas message—that God is all about us and dwells with men. May our prayer at this Christmas time be: "Lord, open my heart that I may welcome him in—the Unseen Guest."—Condensed from Old Things New, by Hugh T. Kerr.

Christmas In Other Lands

Customs Are Different But All Have Same Spirit

To women in parts of the Empire Christmas means December 25 and turkey, plum pudding and crackers, pork pie and a Christmas tree, mince pies and presents, writes Janet Garrick in the Cape-Argus. But Sweden has a cake-Argus. But celebrated Christmas the previous day with fish and rice porridge, Holland has had her festivities 20 days before and is spending the day in worship. Scotland is waiting for the end of the year in mind the person actually keeping the car and not the passengers in the car.

In Czechoslovakia there is a law with very severe penalties which prohibits anyone from smoking while actually operating an automobile.

Blood is said to pass through the veins and arteries at the rate of 621 feet a minute.

Pacific salmon are the most valuable fish in the western hemisphere.

Notes About Christmas

Idea Of Sending Cards Came From The French

Christmas cards are a comparatively modern institution. The idea came from the French New Year cards.

Mistletoe is common in most parts of the world. It is extremely plentiful on oak trees in America, and on apple trees in Normandy and Brittany.

The largest Christmas candles made are nearly six feet high, weigh about 40 pounds, are of pure white beeswax and cost \$25 apiece. The great event of the old Christmas dinner four or five hundred years ago was the entry of the chief cook bearing the bear's head, garished with rosemary.

Orders For Stamp Issue

Change Of Monarchs Created Big Rush At Ottawa

Stamp dealers tried to buy up the only outstanding stamp issue bearing a portrait of either of the two principals in the Empire-shaking change of monarchs. They were, however, balked by the post office department policy of protecting the interests of small collectors. Two hours after the abdication of Edward VIII. was announced, a rush of orders started pouring in on the philatelic division for the two-cent stamp of last year's jubilee issue, which bears the portrait of the then Duke of York.

The first and biggest order, for 50,000 of those stamps, was cabled by a London stamp firm. Had the order been filled the department's supply of that particular stamp would have been completely exhausted. So their distribution was placed on a strict quota basis: five to a customer.

A change of monarch usually means, too, a reversal of the direction in which the reigning king's portrait faces on stamps and coins. Those of George V., for instance, faced to the left. Those of Edward VIII. would have faced to the right although there is nothing but tradition governing.

Which way the monarch's portrait would face if the George V. issues of coins and stamps were followed immediately by issues of George VI. was one of the academic problems facing authorities in the two departments.

Scrapping An Acquaintance

Origin Of Expression Dates Back To Olden Times

Once when the Emperor Hadrian was entering the public bath, he saw a former comrade scraping himself with a tile. Being touched by the man's poverty, he ordered that a handsome bathing kit and a sum of money be given him.

"The news of the Emperor's generosity quickly spread, and when Hadrian appeared again at the bath, he found the pool crowded with old soldiers scraping themselves with tiles. Understanding their intent, he addressed them sadly: "Scrape yourselves, gentlemen, you will not scrap acquaintance with me."

From this occurrence, it is said, came the expression, "Scrapping an acquaintance."—Christian Science Monitor.

Law Strict In Czechoslovakia

One Who Is Driving Car Not Allowed

The danger of smoking while driving an automobile was called to the attention of motorists by Colonel Harold Fowler, First Deputy Police Commissioner, in a New York Police Department radio safety broadcast.

"If you smoke while operating a car," he said, "you are likely to be distracted and cause either injury or death to yourself and those with you. In speaking of smoking, I have only in mind the person actually keeping the car and not the passengers in the car."

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SLENDER LINES DISTINGUISH FROCK THE MATRON WILL WANT TO MAKE

By Anne Adams



A frock that every woman will

envy when she sees its slimming flattery, is Pattern 4194—amateur of Anne Adams' up-to-the-minute designs! Ordinary occasions become "gala events" once you've donned its charming lines and smart simplicity. You'll love the interesting yoke-panel effect, and novelty sleeves with their deep slash—all topped by the most youthifying of collars! See how the trim skirt boasts deep "free action" pleats, that swing with graceful motion when you walk. And so easy to make, is Pattern 4194, that you'll find it all finish before you know it! You've wide choice of fabric, but a soft wool crepe, or monotone crepe would "fill the bill" to perfection!

Pattern 4194 is available in sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 36 takes 2 1/2 yards 36 inch fabric. Illustrated step-by-step sewing instructions included.

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Guests Of Belgian King

Heroic Miners Were Entertained By Leopold At Palace

In the splendor of his palace, King Leopold of the Belgians recently received 46 miners as honored guests.

They are men who played heroic parts in rescuing comrades after the pit explosion at La Bouverie, near Mons, in October. The death toll totaled 30. One of the Royal guests received a medal.

Seated between two of the miners in the Room of Mirrors, King Leopold told them that this was the first time he had had guests since his great loss (the death of Queen Astrid). As he spoke his voice broke. A moment later he changed the subject.

After leaving the palace with menus photographed by their King, the Belgian miners made a collection and bought flowers. These were laid on the grave of Queen Astrid.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
DECEMBER 27

THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY IN SOUTHERN EUROPE

Golden text: The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. Revelation 11:15.

Lesson: Hebrews 2:1-4; 11:32-12:2. Devotional reading: Isaiah 11:1-10.

Paul's Imperialism. Paul's outlook always was imperial. He took the world for his parish from the very beginning. He was a little man with a great soul, like John Wesley. He never was satisfied with the territories traversed or the work already done. He always planned wider itineraries and greater things. He was the incarnation of enterprise. He had a boundless ambition. His plans always outran his possibilities. He dreamed of a kingdom, world-wide and eternal.

He had something of the insatiability of the great conqueror, whose hunger for new territories is whetted as with demonic power by every fresh conquest. As Jesus' leading trait was the aboriginal feeling so Paul's was the missionary impulse. Everywhere he was only on the way; he had but one thought—to make the word speed on swiftly. He scaled the snow heights of Taurus, whence he was drawn to the valleys of Lycaonia. He travelled on to the Bosphorus, where in a vision a man of Macedonia appeared to him, and cried: "Come over and help us!" He came to Corinth, whence ships sailed to Italy; and straightway he wrote to Rome, as always in his prayers making request, "if by any means now at any length he may be prospered by the will of God to come unto them. Voices across the sea called to him, 'Come!' in hours of solitude he thought of those 'who have not heard.' This cry of 'Ever onward' was the special watchword of his life.

Paul founded churches wherever he went, and he established them so firmly that they all stood when he had gone. His desire was to press on into places where Christ had not been preached as yet. He would have gone everywhere as a pioneer missionary, if that had been possible to one man in one lifetime. His church imperialism and his insatiable missionary enthusiasm were born of his theological universalism. He believed that it was the will of God that all men were to be saved, and he believed that Jesus would never be satisfied until that goal had been reached. Therefore he claimed all the nations for his Lord.—D. A. Hayes, in "Paul and His Epistles."

Penalty Will Be Heavy

Fine And Imprisonment For Wearing Political Uniforms In England

Under the government's anti-political uniforms bill, fines up to £500 (\$2,500) and imprisonment for two years may be imposed for:

1. Wearing political uniform.
2. Organizing a political body on military or quasi-military lines.
3. Breaking up public meetings.
4. Carrying "offensive weapons" at a public meeting or in connection with a procession.

The bill also gives the police power to ban processions in certain areas, and to order processions to take certain routes and keep out of other streets.

It is understood that, in the view of the government, such uniforms as those of the Salvation Army, the Boy Scouts, and others not generally regarded as of a "political" character do not come under the new law.

Only definition given in the bill: "Uniforms signifying association with any political organization or with the promotion of any political object."

Egypt is trying to find the best bee for its beeswax industry.

Grain shipments from Russian Black Sea ports are at low ebb.

Canada Keeps Sane Outlook

People Are Far From Red In Thought

And Sentiment. There are radical thinkers in Canada, plenty of them, and some outspoken men who presume to speak for groups that are far from reactionary in their principles and policies. There are communists in Canada, socialists and others, but this Dominion, taking it by and large, is far from red in thought and sentiment.

The ownership of property is not conducive to radicalism or revolution. The farmer is an abridged capitalist, as is the owner of a grocery store, filling station or hotel stand.

Perhaps a more powerful factor keeping the nation on an even keel is the extensive ownership of life insurance. At the end of 1936 life insurance in Canada totaled \$7,392,706,000. Only the United States and the United Kingdom owned more life insurance than Canada. Policyholders in Canada number approximately 5,000,000, and the average coverage is about \$1,400.

The money paid in constantly by these 5,000,000 policyholders are re-invested in Government bonds and the securities of industrial enterprises. One cannot register a hit at Canadian industries or embarrass our governments without menacing the estates and the savings of 5,000,000 policyholders.

Moreover, more than 4,000,000 people have bank deposits totalling \$1,500,000,000. That, too, is reinvested to a large extent in Canadian enterprises.

Thrift and ownership should in no wise warp our judgment in political and economic matters. Neither should ownership of property prevent us from making progress in the various lines that contribute to the well-being of the state. However, people who have a stake in the country, a life insurance policy or a bank account, are likely to prefer the progress brought about by ballots rather than bullets.—Farmer's Advocate.

The Threat Of War

How Children's Lives Overshadowed

Told By Service Worker

The threat of war overshadows the world's childhood. Miss Muriel Lester, distinguished social worker from Kingsley House, London, a member of the preaching mission that has been stirring Chicago, tells this story:

One day recently there came to her at Kingsley House a small girl. The child lifted to Miss Lester's face big eyes filled with anxious horror.

"Is the government making gas masks for everybody?" she asked.

"Yes," Miss Lester told her.

"For all the children?" the child inquired lenely.

"Yes," said the children—for you and all the boys and girls and the grownup people."

"But," stammered the child, "we have just got a new baby in our home. How will the government know? Do you think it will have a mask ready in time for my new brother?"

So there has come into the very springtime of the world's life this dark and chilling cloud. It has become part of the consciousness of dreaming childhood, turning dreams to nightmare; it has brought a terrifying dread into the nursery, to the very cradle. Even the babes are being taught to realize that the bomb falls from the sky. Their fear is not of the mask, but that the mask may be lacking when hideous death writhes through the air.

What a gift to the children of the world!—Chicago Daily News.

Settled Many Years Ago

England's King Reigns But He Does Not Rule

The King of England reigns; he does not rule. Yet in an extraordinary number of people, and to many who ought to know better, this truth is not appreciated.

The King of England reigns with in the Constitution, and if or when he ceases to abide by that Constitution, ceases to take the advice and direction of his responsible ministers, he ceases to be King. That issue was fought out and determined long years ago.

Bride—Dear, what is the true definition of a groom?

Groom—Why, a groom is a man who takes care of dumb animals.

The earth may be a billion years old at night, but it looks new the next morning.

Traffic accidents in Russia are on the increase. Abolishing Sundays, you see, wasn't the remedy.

COACHPAINTER'S APPRENTICE CREATES PRIZE-WINNING POSTER



A coachpainter at the Swindon Works of one of the great British railway companies was responsible for this distinctive Coronation poster and was awarded a silver medal by the company.

"My nerves are better"

writes Mrs. P. M. Peterson,
R. R. No. 2, Strome, Alberta.

"When I was 14 years old I took six bottles of your Vegetable Compound. Now I am taking it again. It is helping me a lot. I am in good spirits and do my work every day. My mother used to take your medicine and always recommended it."

98 out of 100 Women
Report Benefit

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S
VEGETABLE COMPOUND

Thou Shalt Not Love

— A NOVEL BY —

GEORGIA GRAIG

CHAPTER XII.—Continued

There were a number of developments the next day. The majority of them quite to be expected.

While Sapphira served her breakfast in bed, considerably surprised and pleased that her charge showed no indications of suffering from a hang-over, though there undoubtedly was something troubling her mind, Starr read the morning papers. There were lurid accounts of last night's party in the tabloids. "Play-Grid" was without any question in the headlines again!

An account, in one of the more gossip sheets read:

"Merrymakers at the exclusive Sea Beach Casino last night were treated to an unexpected thrill when Starr Ellison, author of the widely notorious book, "Play-Grid" and who is said to have herself furnished the copy therefor, attempted to stage a nude swimming party in the gold-fish fountain. Only the timely—or untimely, many witnesses characterized it—intervention of Michael Fairbourne, public representative of the Tarrance Publishing Company, prevented."

Starr flung the paper away, sickened. How Michael must hate her! There was small comfort now, she thought that that was what she had intended to make him think of her.

She could not eat. She felt as if she never wanted to again, but she was making an attempt to get away with her omelet, at the instance of Sapphira, when the telephone rang. Her heart leaped, then sank down dully. . . . It wouldn't be Michael. It could not be.

It was not. It was Marjorie Brown, calling—Marjorie whose heart was that she was the closest friend "Play-Grid" had (and who was nothing of the sort, since Starr had no women friends at all.) Marjorie was so anxious to give Starr the news she had just heard that she was phoning before she had her morning coffee.

"Starr!" her voice ripped gaily. "You'll never believe it, but what do you suppose has happened? Michael Fairbourne and Stephanie Dale are engaged! Actually! After all the trouble he's had getting her parents to consent. . . . Stephanie called me last night after the party to tell me it happened after the party. She's home. Isn't that just too thrilling? And won't they make the most gorgeous couple!"

Starr said, in a bored voice: "I hope they will be very happy. Engagements don't interest me, Marjorie—or marriages. So ordinary."

Starr moped around the Egyptian apartment, hating it, hating everything Egyptian once more, and wondering just what her next step would be. With a love affair with Michael finished before it had fairly begun did not mean necessarily that her job as "Play-Grid" was finished. On the contrary. What "Play-Grid" had done last night had made her better copy than ever. She might be as valuable to Michael and his publishers. All the joy in playing was gone, though, and forever. From now on "playing" would be as drab as life itself, but if she threw herself into it still, she might be able to forget—some things.

The irony of it! She had got into this thing in order to forget how soon she must give up life. Now she had more than ever to forget. Life was certainly increasingly hard.

Shortly before noon a messenger from Cartier's appeared with two armed guards and a package from the famous jewelry firm. Starr gave the messenger her receipt and took the package into the bedroom to open it.

It was a bracelet. A bracelet three inches wide, solidly set with diamonds encasing a row of the most gorgeous fire opals Starr had ever

imagined in her life. The thing must have cost a fortune.

Sapphira's eyes goggled almost out of her head when she saw it. "The land, Miss Starr, ain't that shore scrumptious! Seems like somebody must be thinkin' a heap of you, chile. . . . What's them flashin' kind o' stones that look like rain-bows, honey?"

Starr smiled wanly as she answered absently, angering Lance Marlowe's card that had come with the gift.

"They're opals, Sapphira—fire opals."

The breath of the colored woman came sibilantly.

"Opals! Lawdy, Miss Starr, don't you-all know they say opals can bring the hardest kind o' hard luck? What's for he want to sent you opals?"

"They can't hurt—me, Sapphira," said Starr, her voice low.

She was studying Lance's card. On the back he had scribbled:

"I told you these were fire, you lovely thing of fire and ice. . . . I have been very patient, Starr. Are you going to keep me waiting forever?"

She could not pretend to herself that she did not know what he meant. It was plain enough. Lance was forcing her hand. She had stalled with him long enough. Lance was not used to that. She knew—as she realized he meant her to know—that to accept this gift of his meant to become his mistress. Refusing it would terminate their friendship. There could be no more halfway measures.

She held the gorgeous bracelet in her hand, turning it, letting the amethyst catches in the sparkle of the stones. The diamonds were lovely enough, but those fire opals! Lance must have given a commission to Cartier to search out the most marvelous stones anywhere to be found. A memory of Michael's words flitted through her mind:

"Lance's favorite indoor sport—buying diamonds for his current light o' love!"

Irony of all ironies! This morning Stephanie Dale would be proudly wearing Michael's diamond on the correct finger. But she, Starr, who had dramatically surrendered the man she loved to Stephanie, owned a diamond bracelet—symbol of the kept woman!

She was still weighing the situation in her mind when Michael arrived. Starr had not expected to see him, and it is possible if Sapphira had not ushered him into the living room without announcing him, blandly unconscious that he might not be as welcome as always, Starr might have refused to get up. She needed more time to pull herself together before facing him.

The bracelet was still in her hand as she came through her bedroom door and saw him. Startled, she held the clinking thing inside the neck of her frock. She shivered. The stones felt hard and cold against her tender flesh—as icy as the heart in her breast.

There was no friendliness in their greeting. Memories of last night's scandal hung over them, frigidly, Michael had come with a definite purpose. His first words staggered her.

His face still wore that tight, intolerant look.

"I've come to release you from your bargain, Starr! It was a mistake from the beginning. No doubt you will be as glad to be relieved of me as I am, and it is possible," he flouted before her eyes the tabloid in which was the account of last night's party which she had already read, pounding on the objectionable story with an angry finger—"was the slipper!"

It was too much—even for sweet publicity's sake!

In the face of her dazed silence he plunged on:

"I told Stephanie that the whole thing was a hoax, told her why it was done, and she understands. I hope other people will, too. Anyway, I am ready to shoulder the ridicule, if there is any. Stephanie thinks that it is the best that we—that I—"

"That you buy me off?" Starr prompted him, crudely. Michael's face went red, but on her was the same tantalizing dare-devilry of "Play-Grid" taunting, disdainful.

"Then a spark of resentment flared within her. If he only had not mentioned Stephanie! She blazed at him:

"Because everything hasn't gone all your own way, you want to get rid of me! I see! Her taunting, challenging laugh rippled. "Well, suppose I don't choose to be got rid of?"

Michael glowered, said ruthlessly:

"I shouldn't think that even you would want to continue in a role that is repugnant to every sense of common decency."

The slurring way he said "even you!" It made her flinch, but she did not see that. He hated her more than she had thought he would, more than

she had thought any man could hate a woman. Now she knew what writers had meant when so often they had declared that there is no passion in the world stronger than love turned to hate.

Her retort to him had been sheer bravado. Now the thought came swiftly to her mind: Did she really want to carry on the role of "Play-Grid"? Before when she had thought of it, she had given it slight consideration, taking it as a matter of course that it would continue. Now . . . Well, if she didn't go on with it, what was her alternative for the days that still remained to her?

Her play-life, even though it had ended so tragically, had at least filled the gap of haunted days and nights. It had kept her from brooding too much over her impending doom.

Suddenly, as she visioned going back to empty loneliness and poverty, a deadly fear gripped her. A vision of Mrs. Maloney's hall bedroom superimposed itself over the beautiful living room with its lovely Egyptian furnishings like a fade-out, fade-in on a movie screen. She saw herself sitting on the sagging bed, staring at the drab wall paper, staring, staring. . . .

She could not bear to face it all again. She had to have life about her, color, excitement!

But there was an alternative, if she cared to take it. Lance offered a way. Though of course Starr realized that he would not be nearly so enthusiastic if she were a mere body and not "Play-Grid" at all. Lance wanted the triumph of making a conquest of the glamorous personality about whom the whole town was talking—the "Play-Grid" who was fire and ice. And good publicity.

Lance. . . . All of a sudden she realized that Lance's bracelet had become red-hot against her breast, as if the fire opals were in reality living flames.

Michael was offering the supreme insult. He was pulling—"his" check book from his pocket, slowly drawing out his fountain pen. His voice was cold, business-like, and he did not look at Starr.

"How much do you want, Starr, to step out of the picture?"

Now her resentment was a blazing torch which shook her fragile body savagely. A raging, black-eyed young fury snatched the check book from his hand and hurled it into his face, returning hate for hate.

"I don't want money from you!" she flamed. "Not a penny! I wouldn't touch it if it were a million! I can get along. I'll show you. I'm going to keep on being 'Play-Grid' and you can't stop me! They'll only laugh at you if you try to deny it—they'll say you're eaten up with jealousy! You've done your ballyhooing too well, Mr. Michael Fairbourne, to try to back out now! You started something! I'll finish it! Now get out of here! Get out!"

The hours that passed after Michael left were so slow and terrible that Starr welcomed it with joy when Lance called up and asked if he might drop up for a few minutes, and did she like her bracelet. She was glad he was coming, though as yet she had not the faintest idea of what she would tell him. All she knew was that anything was better than being alone with her awful thoughts. Anybody!

She was dressed in a cloudy black lace gown that was not transparent at all. She had cocktails waiting and the lights were mellow in the long, low living room with its seductive cushioned divans and the fire that flickered on the flat hearth. A perfect silver setting, concocted with the deliberate intention of luring Lance Marlowe, making him see how really desirable Starr Ellison was. She might never go to his arms, but it was just as well to be prepared for that contingency.

She kept Lance eagerly waiting her. Lance wasted little time coming to the point of the real reason for his visit. It was the same old line.

"But I don't see why you're insisting on delaying, Starr," he pressed her, as they lounged over their cocktails. "I can give you everything you can go on with your writing, if you ever want to write any more and—there was an odd infection in his laugh—'really I'm convinced enough to imagine I might make good copy' (To Be Continued)

A man at 40 has no more intelligence than a boy at 14, says a savant. Most any 14-year-old son will admit this is true.

A boy's model airplane made a flight of one mile near Newcastle, England. 2182

MRS. SIMPSON'S MOTHER



The last portrait of Mrs. Alice Warfield Allen, mother of Mrs. Simpson, who died in 1929.

Important For Explorers

Woman Says Problem Of Eating Easily Comes First

Mrs. Christine von Hagen, 24-year-old botanist, is back in New York from the wilds of Ecuador, awed not by headhunters, but by the problem of eating.

"Food breaks up more expeditions than anything else," she said.

With her husband, V. W. Von Hagen, explorer and scientist, she penetrated the Amazon country in search of insects and termites.

There were few wild animals and little vegetation fit for the dinner table, but that didn't stop Mrs. Von Hagen. Weevils found in trees and cooked in their own fat appeared on the table, looking like small sausages. They tasted like fried oysters, her husband said.

She made French fried sweet potatoes and green Papaya, boiled and served with vinegar made from banana or pineapple oil. Jungle Palm was another dish, either boiled or made into soup. Mrs. Von Hagen said she found food so important to the success of exploration that she intends to write a recipe book for the benefit of fellow explorers.

Search For Lost Radium

Missing From Toronto Hospital, It Is Located In City Dump

After one of the most intensive searches in Toronto's history in which a radium counter used during the Moose River mine rescue was called into action, \$5,000 worth of radium has been returned to Toronto General hospital.

The radium capsule was discarded in a dressing and the precious metal was recovered in a city dump buried beneath four feet of ash.

Officials of the radium department of the hospital called on the Ontario government for aid and obtained the use of a Geiger-Mueller radium counter used at the Moose River mine last Easter to aid in the search for the lost radium.

J. D. Leitch, government employee, operated the machine in the search that started at the hospital, including the laundry and even washing machines, then to the city incinerator and, finally, to the dump where hospital ashes are taken.

Forced To Attend Meeting

When the assembly met in Athens in classic Grecian days everybody was expected to be present and loungers were swept out of the gossiping market place by a rope well stretched in vermillion. A stain of red from the rope on a man's cloak meant a fine.

Regular brewing establishments first were erected in 1700.

Become Soldiers At Fourteen

Boys In Italy Start Training When They Are Only Six

Tough at 20 some 50,000 Fascist youths, trained in the technique of war, are now passing annually into the regular Italian army.

Many of them have been registered in Fascist Youth organizations for years and the majority have participated actively since their sixth birthday.

At that age they enter the Sons of the Wolf, a branch of the elementary "Ballila," from which they graduate when they are 14 with a fundamental military knowledge qualifying them to train as specialists in 11 Duce's legions.

The Ballila's 14-year-old seniors are promoted with symbolic ritual into the next chronological grade, the Avanguardisti, or Advance Guards, of whom there are about 500,000.

The comparatively care-free training suddenly ceases for these youths who find themselves part of a vast war machine. Their war education is intensified and they are moulded into the pattern of the Italian army.

When an Avanguardista reaches the age of 18 he advances into the topmost ranks of Fascist youth—the Young Fascists of Combat—where his military schooling is specialized.

Then, at 21, he reaches his majority and is eligible to become a Fascist.

Little Helps For This Week

Truly my soul waiteth on God, from Him cometh my salvation, Psalm 42:1.

Not so in haste my heart: Have faith in God and wait: Although He might long. He never comes too late.

The true use of all the imperfections of which you are conscious is neither to justify or condemn them, but to present them before God confessing your faults to Him and remaining in peace; for peace is the divine order in whatever state we may be.

You will find it less easy to uproot faults than to choke them by gaining virtues. Do not think of your faults, still less those of others; in every person who comes near you look for what is good and strong; then honor it and rejoice in it, and your faults will drop off like dead leaves when their time comes.

Hard To Determine

But Customs Officials Decide Infant Is Child Under Six

To straighten out a customs ruling, setting the import duty on baby clothes, officials at an eastern port have finally decided the momentous question: What is an infant?

An infant, they decided after much head-scratching, is any child under six.

It is probably just as well to keep news of this decision from the country's mothers, or there likely will be a large, indignant outcry. For to mothers there apparently is no age limit for infants.

When her boy or girl first trots off to school he seems as much a baby to her as when he yowled in his cradle. She even treats her grown-up sons and daughters as though they were infants.

Likewise, what husband who ever has had trouble locating his shirts and socks has not been called a "helpless infant" by the little woman?—Victoria, B.C., Times.

The River Rhone is regarded as the swiftest river in the world, attaining a velocity of 40 miles an hour in certain parts of its course.

Nine thousand applications have been received in India for temporary railway jobs paying \$2.62 a week.

Better Things Ahead

Says Sir Chas. Gordon

BANK OF MONTREAL MEETING

Strong expressions of confidence in the outlook in Canada were the keynote of the proceedings at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal, held recently at the head office of the Bank in Montreal. The meeting was also informed that the bank is in an extremely strong position, and that deposits had been further protected by the reserve account addition to the reserve account.

Sir Charles Gordon, president in his address named as the five fundamental features outstanding in Canada's progress during the past year: the recovery in agriculture, the extraordinary activity in mining, the all-time record in newspaper production, the gratifying increase in the tourist trade, and the striking expansion in our export trade.

He dwelt particularly on the mining industry which, according to a recent survey by the Bank, would seem to be "the greatest contributor to the increase in income."

Better Things Ahead for Canada. He had a word of warning regarding provincial legislation in relation to debts, saying in respect to the opposite side of the fence from the pessimists and I believe that, with the experience gained in the past few years, we should be able to steadily work our way toward better things."

Sir Charles closed his remarks on an optimistic note, saying: "We still have problems to face but, as regards these problems I stand squarely on the opposite side of the fence from the pessimists and I believe that, with the experience gained in the past few years, we should be able to steadily work our way toward better things."

Bank's Position Extremely Strong. Presenting the 1928 annual balance sheet of the Bank, W. A. Bog, on behalf of himself and Jackson Doodson, his fellow directors, drew attention to the fact that the total assets of the bank had increased during the year from \$300,000,000 to \$305,100,000 at the present time, and pointed out that the extraordinary position of the bank was reflected in quick assets totaling \$306,500,000, representing 82.7 per cent of the total assets.

In informing the meeting of the transfer of \$1,000,000 to reserve accounts, Sir Charles said that this sum was held as a protection for the bank's depositors. "That," he remarked, "as protection for deposit liabilities we have not only 100 per cent in conservatively valued assets, but in addition we have assets representing \$36,000,000 of capital and \$39,000,000 in reserve accounts."

Savings Interest Rate. Mr. Bog expressed regret that it had been found necessary to reduce to 4.5 per cent the rate of interest paid on savings deposits, saying the reduction had been made only with that aim in view, and it was only the continued decline in the yield on securities and the low level of commercial loans that had compelled the banks to take the step.

Home Loan Plan

Ontario Leads The Provinces In Number And Amount Of Loans

Ontario led the provinces in number and amount of loans made up to Nov. 15 under the government home improvement plan, according to official figures issued.

Branches of banks in Ontario reported 335 loans amounting to \$123,702 out of the total for Canada of 884 loans amounting to \$350,453. Quebec came second with 181 loans totalling \$81,847 and British Columbia third with 107 loans and a total of \$33,207.

Figures for other western provinces follow: Alberta, 62 loans, \$20,815; Manitoba, 31 loans, \$23,848; Saskatchewan, 21 loans, \$7,251.

The African greynuk has little difficulty in reaching tree leaves high above the heads of all animals except the giraffe.

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Agricultural research affects three groups of people — first the farmers who benefit and for whom the work is done, second the Government which allocates the money, and third the tax payers who pay the bills. The cost falls mainly upon the people of Eastern Canada, for they pay the greatest part of our Dominion taxes. (This, however, might be considered as a small offset to the advantage Eastern Canada enjoys over the West because of Dominion tariffs.)

Western agriculture now badly needs more and more of this valuable work, but to expand it our agricultural institutions need more funds.

Western farmers could, therefore, help themselves if they would instruct their Members of Parliament to request the Governments to allocate additional money for agricultural research.

As agricultural research advances so unquestionably will the welfare of farmers increase.

REMINDER

December 26 being a holiday, I will not be in Crossfield until Saturday, January 2nd, 1937.

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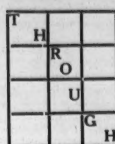
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Occasional Notes



the Study Window

By Rev. A. D. Currie

Christmas

Christmas is the festival of the Child, "This shall be a sign unto you." "Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." It is interesting to recall that Christianity is the only religion in the world that makes much of the childhood of its Founder, Our Saviour first greets our eyes, first as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. The babe is a universal sign. Wherever the human race is seen there also you see the baby. It is a sign that all can understand and appreciate. To this day, Christmas is the festival of the Child. If there is a public appeal for those in distress, first and foremost in every appeal is the Child. It was a little child Jesus set in the midst, when the disciples quarrelled as to who should be first. We all remember Tiny Tim's prayer. It looks out of the eyes of every child at this season, "God bless us everyone."

Christmas is the festival of the Home. Of course, the first Christmas was celebrated far from home and in a stable. Perhaps that is the reason home is so dear at Christmas. Hospitals are evacuated as far as possible at Christmas time. It is the family feast of the year. Even the married children come trooping home, the aunts and uncles are gathered in. No table is more expensive than the Christmas table. The influence of the Home is evident in the life and teachings of Jesus. He spoke of the after life as "Many Homes".

Thirdly, Christmas is the Festival of Peace. The Angels sang, "Peace on earth". Peace among the nations is a spiritual question, its true foundation is love.

Treaties will continue to be a scrap of paper until the spirit of Christmas and Christ, in human hearts, turns them into realities. It is Christ who maketh people to be of one mind whether in a house, home or continent. The Spirit of Christmas stirs our hearts in beautiful and strange ways. It whispers of peace in our homes and in relations one with another. For the Spirit of Christmas, let us say:

"Let all man, hearts and voices raise
In adoration thanks and praise."

Coming Events

Dec. 31, Dance at Madden Hall
Jan. 1, School Fair Dance in U.F.A. Hall
Jan. 6, Radio Amateur Nite over CJCJ

See John Deere Jan. 6

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